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Our Case No. 7103/261
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Allan A. Radman

Serial No.: 09/843,323

Filing Date: April 25, 2001

For: SPHERICAL CAP-SHAPED POLISHING
HEAD IN A CHEMICAL MECHANICAL
POLISHING APPARATUS FOR
SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS

Examiner:

Group Art Unit:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicant hereby submits references A1-A8 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner.



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The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56(b). Further, Applicant reserves the right to contest the references as prior art against the present application, and Applicant does not believe that the disclosure of these references, even if finally determined to be prior art, anticipate Applicant's invention or that the references make Applicant's invention obvious.

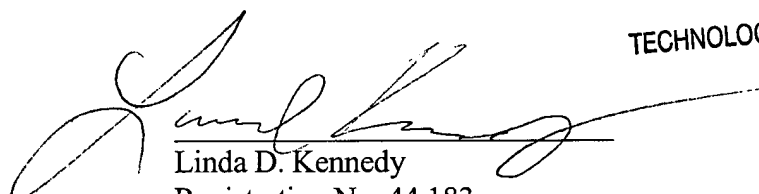
Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of the documents and make them of record.

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